

BENCHMARK INITIATIVE STATUS REPORT



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ENDORSED RECOMMENDATIONS



- Update application procedures
- Develop review procedures for dispersion modeling
- Develop Best Available Control Technology Contracts
- Increase Staffing (Oil and Gas Initiative)

Status Report



- Received draft application packet from contractor September 29.
- Modeling 2nd Request for Proposals public notice November 2002.
- BACT Contracts--Will proceed upon appointment of new position.
- Staffing
 - Existing positions are filled 4/02
 - Recruit two new positions in November

Attention Areas



- Application Contractor delays
 - Staffing changes
 - incomplete draft work product
- Competing interests for tasks 1-3
 - Diversion of permit staff from project review to contract management causes further delays

Schedule



- Application final work product due January 2003
- Modeling procedure final work product expected May 2003
- BACT schedule TBA, pending recruitment
- Anticipate two appointments January 2003

Goals for Next Review



- Next Status Update December Meeting
- Interim Goals
 - Review and comment to contractor regarding draft application procedures
 - Public notice Modeling RFP
 - Advertise Recruitment